

dedicated his talents to improving the community, the Nation, and the world. During his 26-year tenure at SS. Constantine and Helen, he trained ten assistants who are now serving the Greek Orthodox Church with distinction. He was honored with the office of Protosphyter in 1972, and he served as the Treasurer and member of the National Presbyters Council from 1970–1974, and again from 1980–1982. He received the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America Service Award and Gold Cross in 1976 for his struggles and lobbying activities for the liberation of invaded Cyprus, a cause he continues to pursue. Father Constantinides offered his wisdom and his faith in various countries, including Russia, Kenya, Uganda, and India. He has also authored four Sunday school books for children, and has translated six Orthodox Service books from Greek to English.

Since his retirement in June 1995, Father Constantinides has devoted his time to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center, as well as writing, lecturing, and substituting at churches in the Chicago Diocese. In September and October 2002, he traveled to Argentina, Chile, and Ecuador at the behest of His Eminence Metropolitan Taraslos of Buenos Aires to perform missionary work. Father Constantinides also devotes much of his time to his loving wife, Maria, and their four children.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in thanking Father Evagoras Constantinides for his contributions to the citizens of Northwest Indiana, and to citizens of countries throughout the world. His love for his fellow man is an inspiration to us all, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

#### A TRIBUTE TO TEMPLE SINAI OF GLENDALE, CA

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2003*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Temple Sinai in Glendale, California. This week, Temple Sinai celebrates its 75th Anniversary, marking the extraordinary history of the synagogue and its congregation.

Temple Sinai was incorporated under California State Law on June 22, 1928, as the Sinai Community Center. At that time, the fledgling congregation consisted of fewer than a dozen Jewish families and met in the Masonic Hall located above the Ralph's Grocery Store at the corner of Orange and Broadway in Glendale. Using various venues for its functions until 1939, the congregation found its first permanent home at 425 West Windsor Road. Ten years later, the congregation constructed the first segment of its current home at 1212 North Pacific Avenue, and it has since grown both in physical plant and congregational census.

Today the congregation has 300 member families—including mine—of all ages and backgrounds, serving Jews who live in Glendale, Burbank, Los Angeles, La Canada, La Crescenta, Pasadena, South Pasadena, San Marino, and Thousand Oaks. There are 240 students in the combined Religious and Hebrew Schools. A larger cadre of volunteers manages the many opportunities for involve-

ment in the community, from ritual and religious services to advisory and policy-making bodies.

The goals of the congregation embody the values of Judaism and its continuity. The congregation strengthens Judaism and Jewish values within and among the members of the local Jewish community, provides strength and support to members of the community who experience tragedy and grief in their lives, celebrates with members of the community the joyous occasions of their families, provides leadership experiences for Jews in the community so that they can undertake leadership of the synagogue in the future, and educates non-Jews as to the norms and traditions of Judaism.

I am proud to be able to recognize Temple Sinai for its 75 years of offering a place of solemn and joyous worship to the people of Glendale and the nearby foothill communities. My heartfelt "Mazel Tov" on this milestone. Today, Temple Sinai exemplifies the role congregations of every faith have within communities as a refuge for all who come to worship together regardless of differences. I ask all Members to join me in congratulating Temple Sinai for their 75 years of remarkable achievement and to wish Temple Sinai all the best as your congregation grows from strength to strength.

#### PROPOSAL SEEKS TO CURTAIL IDENTITY THEFT

#### HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2003*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, for the fourth consecutive session of Congress, I am introducing the Personal Information Privacy Act (PIPA), which would help restore individuals' control over the use of their Social Security numbers and personal information.

Over the years, the Social Security number (SSN) has unfortunately become a *de facto* national identifier. SSNs are required to receive a driver's license from every state, and many companies require consumers to provide their SSN as a condition of doing business. This means that should one's SSN fall into the wrong hands, it can be used to steal one's identity, run up thousands of dollars of false charges in your name, and wreak havoc on your credit history.

The issue of identity theft has grown to be the largest single complaint received by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and curbing the rampant use of the SSN—"the key to identity theft"—is paramount in reducing identity theft and restoring citizens' ability to protect their personal information.

Under this legislation, PIPA, businesses would be prohibited from refusing to sell goods or services to individuals that do not want to provide their SSN. Furthermore, without written consent, one's SSN could not be used for commercial purposes or used as an identifier. Neither could information on products or services bought by an individual and where they were purchased—known as transaction histories—be sold to third parties.

Lastly, individuals would be permitted to seek redress for violations of this measure in civil courts, with the statute of limitations be-

ginning to toll three years after the offense was discovered. PIPA would also establish penalties for the use of Social Security numbers without a consumer's consent of up to \$25,000 for a single offense, and up to \$500,000 for repeated violations.

Any victim of identity theft could tell you the difficulty of restoring one's credit and good name. Identity theft is on the rise, and topped the FTC's consumer fraud list for the third year in a row. Unless action is taken to curb the widespread use of SSNs as identifiers or as a condition of doing business, this crime will continue to harm increasing numbers of our citizens.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation, and give Americans the ability to better safeguard themselves from identity theft.

#### RECOGNITION OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE TROOPER SCOTT McDONALD

#### HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2003*

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call your attention to the story of a citizen of the First Congressional District of Massachusetts, State Trooper Scott McDonald. Recently, the Massachusetts State Police awarded Scott a Medal of Lifesaving, an honor bestowed upon Troopers who undertake significant actions in the saving of another life.

During patrol on August 4, 2002, Trooper McDonald responded to a motor vehicle accident in the town of Deerfield. He arrived at the scene to find a truck overturned on the road. The driver was unconscious, without a pulse and not breathing. Immediately, Scott administered CPR on the accident victim. While performing resuscitation, a passing motorist stopped, identified herself as a doctor and said she would pronounce the victim dead. However, Trooper McDonald continued lifesaving efforts. Amazingly, the driver was ultimately revived and flown to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Mr. Speaker, Trooper McDonald is a fine example of the Commonwealth's outstanding first responder community. Troopers like Scott are especially important in the First Congressional District, as many of the towns rely on the State Police for their emergency and law enforcement needs. I join the Massachusetts State Police, the City of Holyoke, and Scott's family and friends in honoring Massachusetts State Trooper Scott McDonald.

#### TRIBUTE TO FRED LEVY

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2003*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Fred Levy, an extremely gifted educator who dedicated much of his life to expanding horizons for his students. Mr. Levy, an instructor at Cabrillo College for over 30 years, passed away April 9, 2003, at the age of 69. A valued teacher, husband and father, all who knew him respected Fred for his passion and sincerity. Mr. Levy is survived by his